Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Stella Johanna Gilbertson, daughter of Colonel and Martha Gilbertson and descendant of the DeSmet pioneer families of Peter and Justa Gilbertson and Moses and Johanna Johnson, married Harry Donaldson Hodges, son of DeSmet pioneers Joseph and Sarah Jane Hodges, on September 29, 1920; and,

WHEREAS, Stella and Harry Hodges, while farming and raising registered Percheron, raised their family and were active in philanthropic, religious, and social institutions; and,

WHEREAS, In 1969, Harry and Stella gave the South Dakota State Agricultural Heritage Museum the 1882 claim shanty built by Joseph Hodges and John Schanck; and,

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1988, during the opening of "Dreams Fulfilled", began the permanent exhibit featuring the Hodges-Schanck claim shanty at the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum; and,

WHEREAS, This claim shanty is only one of two shanties from the 1800s to be on permanent display in the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby join the South Dakota State Agricultural Heritage Museum in expressing gratitude to Stella and her late husband, Harry, for their generosity in giving the claim shanty to the museum in Brookings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eighth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE